Statement on Mr. Nixon Issued by His Physician

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Dr. John C. Lungren, personal physician of former President Nixon, issued the following statement yesterday at the Long Beach, Calif., hospital where Mr. Nixon is being treated:

The condition of former President Richard M. Nixon this morning is stable but remains serious. He is still under critical care but is slowly and steadily improving.

The latest vital signs are improved.

His blood pressure is 150 over 84. He has a normal sinus rhythm at a rate of 80.

Mr. Nixon's temperature is 99.4.

As of 7 a.m., his hemoglobin had risen from a low of 9.6 yesterday (Thursday) to 11.6 grams. His hematocrit count has risen from 27.3 to 34.6. This was accomplished with a transfusion of one unit of fresh blood last night.

His platelet count has risen from a low of 69,000 to 180,000 this morning following transfusion of eight units of concentrated platelets. His CVP count, that is his central venous pressure, is 8. He has increased peristalsis, that is increased bowel activity. That means that the paralysis of his bowels is less this morning. We have removed that nasogastric tube.

He is experiencing less pain in the left flank. That is where the hematoma is located.

These parameters suggest that the oozing of blood has stopped. We are still concerned with the potential danger of hemorrhage. Former President Nixon is alert.

I have been in contact with President Ford's White House physician, Dr. William Lukash, this morning as well as last night. I reported the latest findings to him and indicated that a visit from President Ford to former President Nixon would prove to be extremely therapeutic at this time.